PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed Replacement of Bridge No. 07036, Route 138 over and Unnamed Brook on Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded. Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions can be found at the project webpage: https://portal.ct.gov/DOTGriswold57-122

The live stream of the formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The project is identified as State Project No. 0057-0122.

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing 6' round, single-barrel asphalt-coated corrugated metal pipe (ACCMP) culvert, because it has passed its useful service life. The project is anticipated to involve the replacement of the existing culvert with a new precast concrete box culvert. Access roads will be constructed at the inlet and outlet ends to allow for installation of the new structure and for future maintenance operations. The new structure will be located approximately 25 feet west of the existing culvert and the existing unnamed brook will be realigned with the new structure. Additionally, the new structure will consist of new headwalls, wingwalls, cutoff walls and return walls at the inlet and outlet ends.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements. Temporary construction easements will be required on adjacent private property in order to perform the work necessary to realign the existing brook through the new structure.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2025 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$ 2.0 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 100 percent State funds.

The public informational meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information be mailed to them by contacting Brianna Ritacco by email at Brianna.Ritacco@ct.gov or by phone at 860-594-3205. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling 1-(888) 566-5916 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 9977843. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed-captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed-captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings here: https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library

Visit the project webpage for options for Apple users. During the Q&A session and the 14 day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email

(preferred) at <u>DOTProject57-122@ct.gov</u>. Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

